



Amethyst Dream



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# Centaurea 'Amethyst Dream' & 'Amethyst in Snow'

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Captivating starburst blossoms dress up mounding foliage. Gray green leaves feature tiny, silvery hairs for a soft appearance.

**'Amethyst Dream'**—large, royal purple flowers

**'Amethyst in Snow'**—silky, pure white blooms with deep royal purple center

## USES

Both varieties are very showy in borders and beds, and make interesting cut flowers. These easy-to-grow perennials handle different soil types, but prefer good drainage and require moderate watering.

## GROWER NOTES

*The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.*

- Transplant into well-drained soil in full sun and follow with a broad-spectrum fungicide drench. Plant plug crown even with soil line.
- Grow in full sun and well-drained soil.
- Allow soil to dry between waterings, but not too dry, or foliage edges may burn.
- Plants require a moderate fertility level. For best leaf color and bloom, use a regular liquid feed during the bud development stage.
- Maintain a pH below 5.3 to deter root fungus and promote the best uptake of nutrients.
- Space plants early in the production cycle to encourage compact growth and to prevent disease.
- Apply growth regulators starting when roots reach the walls of their container. Deadhead spent blooms to keep plants fresh, and cut back overgrown plants promptly.
- In cool, wet weather, use a preventive fungicide for mildews and smut.
- The most common insect pests are leaf miner, aphids and whitefly, but they are easily controlled if detected early.

## PLANT DATA

**'Amethyst Dream'**

Height: 20"/20"

Spread: 28"

Bloom time: May–Jun

USDA Zone: 3(-40°)

**'Amethyst in Snow'**

Height: 14"/14"

Spread: 24"

Bloom time: May–Jun

USDA Zone: 3(-40°)

## APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

### Fall Transplant for Early Spring Sales

- 4" from 128-cell: plant 3–5 weeks before frost
- Quart from 128-cell: plant 5–6 weeks before frost
- Gallon from 128-cell: plant 6–8 weeks before frost
- 4" from 72-cell: not recommended
- Quart from 72-cell: plant 3–5 weeks before frost
- Gallon from 72-cell: plant 5–8 weeks before frost

### Early Spring Transplant for Late Spring Sales (from vernalized plugs)

- 4" from 128-cell: 5–6 weeks from spring transplant after hard frost
- Quart from 128-cell: 6–8 weeks from spring transplant after hard frost
- Gallon from 128-cell: 8–10 weeks from spring transplant after hard frost

### Spring Transplant for Summer Sales

- 4" from 128-cell: 3–5 weeks
- Quart from 128-cell: 5–6 weeks
- Gallon from 128-cell: 6–8 weeks

## PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited

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